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SUBJECT: MOVIE DISTRIBUTORS' DELAYED PROFIT REMITTANCES

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1. AS REQUESTED BY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE ROBERTO KEIL (REFTEL), ACTING CHIEF ECON SECTION ON AUGUST 16 PROVIDED HIM WITH DETAILS CONCERNING REMITTANCES PENDING CONVERSION FROM SOLES TO DOLLARS. EMBOFF ALSO SUPPLIED INFORMATION TO KEIL ON DELAY IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF MORE RECENT FILMS FROM CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CUSTOMS, AS PART OF COMMERCE MINISTRY, WAS NOT WITHIN KEIL'S JURISDICTION, BUT INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT KEIL COULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS ASPECT OF FILM DISTRIBUTORS' PROBLEMS. EMBOFF SAID THAT WHILE HE SHARED KEIL'S EARLIER EXPRESSED VIEW (REFTEL) THAT REMITTANCE PROBLEM IS PRINCIPALLY DUE TO PERU'S LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY ONE DISTRIBUTOR THAT THE CAUSE OF THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WAS A NUMBER OF OBSTINATE BUREAUCRATS IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION OFFICE (OCI).

2. KEIL SAID HE PERSONALLY WOULD LOOK INTO REMITTANCE QUESTION, SINCE IT FELL WITHIN JURISDICTION OF HIS MINISTRY. HE PROMISED TO RAISE CUSTOMS' CLEARANCE PROBLEM WITH VICE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TO CHECK WITH OCI TO SEE WHAT ITS ROLE HAS BEEN IN THIS MATTER.

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